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LETTER DATED 5 AUGUST 1994 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I. OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF TUNISIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

In my capacity as representative of the current Chairman of the Organization of African Unity, I have the honour to request that the attached special resolution of the Central Organ on the deployment of African troops in Rwanda with UNAMIR II, adopted by the Central Organ at its third ordinary session at ministerial level, held at Sousse, Tunisia, on 3 and 4 August 1994, be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Representative of the current
Chairman of the Organization
of African Unity

Annex

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Special resolution of the Central Organ of the Organization of African Unity on the deployment of African troops in Rwanda with UNAMIR II

The Third Ordinary Session of the Central Organ, meeting at ministerial level at Sousse, Tunisia, on 3 and 4 August 1994,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the situation in Rwanda,

Gravely concerned at the continued humanitarian crisis in Rwanda,

Determined to ensure that Africa continues to make its contribution in concert with the international community towards overcoming this crisis, through, inter alia, the creation of a climate of confidence in the country,

Convinced that the speedy deployment of UNAMIR will make an important contribution towards the restoration of confidence, the early return of the refugees and in assisting the Government of Rwanda in the efforts at promoting national reconciliation,

Recalling the decisions on Rwanda taken by the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity at its thirtieth ordinary session in Tunis, including, in particular, the expressed preparedness of African countries to contribute troops to UNAMIR II,

Also recalling that the following African countries have already pledged troops: Congo, Ethiopia, Ghana, Malawi, Mali, Nigeria, Senegal, Tunisia, Zambia and Zimbabwe,

Further recalling the efforts made by the current Chairman and the Secretary-General of the Organization of African Unity to mobilize logistical support for the African troops,

1. Categorically reaffirms Africa's readiness to contribute troops to Rwanda within the context of UNAMIR II;

2. Expresses its profound regret and dismay at the very slow pace in the deployment of the African troops by the United Nations, owing to lack of logistical support;

3. Declares that in addition to the contingent of Ghana, which is already deployed in Rwanda, the States of Ethiopia, Nigeria and Tunisia (all members of the Central Organ) are ready to have their troops immediately deployed in Rwanda;

4. Requests, in this context, the Secretary-General of the United Nations to take immediate measures for the urgent deployment of at least the troops from Ethiopia, Nigeria and Tunisia, and in any case to enable these troops to be in Rwanda by 21 August 1994;

5. Also requests the Secretary-General of the United Nations to take all the necessary measures to deploy the other African troops as a matter of urgency and not later than 15 September 1994;

6. Launches an urgent appeal to the international community, especially to the developed countries, to provide logistical support to the United Nations in order to facilitate the aforementioned deployment of African troops;

7. Draws the attention of the United Nations, in particular the Security Council, as well as the international community at large, to the various implications that any further procrastination in the deployment of African troops will have with respect to the situation in Rwanda and, indeed, to any serious regional effort at contributing to peace and security within the framework of the United Nations;

8. Requests the Secretary-General of the Organization of African Unity to follow closely the implementation of this resolution including coordination, as appropriate, with the Secretary-General of the United Nations;

9. Decides to remain actively seized of the issue.